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# PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

It was an exciting year during which we grew and diversified our program and operations and launched our Strategic Plan, A Journey To 2020, to help create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world. As always, it has been a pleasure to represent our association at a wide range of functions and ceremonies and to engage with national and international leaders and so many of our members at events over these past 12 months. In so many of the conversations at these events, it was clear that in a world plagued by instability and unrest, our association's support for the work of the United Nations is needed more than ever.

Throughout the year, I worked with talented and professional Executive Committee Members, dedicated to making a difference through their hard work. We were delighted to be granted deductible gift recipient (DGR) status in education, which positions the UNAA (NSW) to raise funds for an Educational Scholarship Fund. We forged new partnerships. We upgraded our technical support and event management procedures to better inform, educate and inspire members about the UN goals and values. We successfully held a range of events on human rights, health, humanitarianism, community, climate change, children, indigenous affairs and gender equality.

We are reminded daily that we live in a world confronting unprecedented challenges. There is a pressing need to further advance our efforts to support UN work and the purpose and principles as set out in the UN Charter. The UN is not without its problems. The fact that human values are a priority is of great significance.

In the wonderful spirit of humanitarian comradery, thank you for your continued support.

Dr Patricia Jenkings BA (Hons) PhD (USyd)

President

United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) and

United Nations Association of Australia National Board Member



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# A YEAR IN REVIEW

During 2016/17, as the UNAA (NSW) transitions to a professional and modern association, we organised events and commemorations to support international days, conferences, the bi-annual conference, strengthening existing programs and developing stronger relationships with civil institutions and corporations. This is a significant task because of numerous competing priorities and interests that demand civil societies' actions. With almost 150 international days annually observed by the United Nations, including United Nations Day on 24 October, the UNAA (NSW) with a limited budget carefully considers which international days can be actively promoted and supported.

During 2016/17 the following events led by UNAA (NSW).

- UNAA (NSA) Bi-annual Conference, Sydney.
- United Nations Day Commemoration, the Cenotaph, Martin Place.
- United Nations Day Luncheon, Parliament House.
- United Nations International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.
- United Nations Human Rights Day.
- United Nations International Women's Day.
- United Nations Humanitarian Day.

# NSW 2 Day Conference – Customs House, Sydney 22-23 July 2016

During the two-day conference at Customs House, 30 expert speakers covered key issues over a total of eight plenary and 12 breakout sessions. More than 200 members and guests had the opportunity to interact on these key topics as part of the UNAA (NSW) community. Key issues covered included global peace, climate change, global public health, women, peace and security, terrorism and countering violent extremism, Syrian unrest, nuclear threat, sport and human rights, UN reform and global democracy.

We were very proud of the programme, and expect that all participants came away feeling inspired. The UNAA national conference "Enhancing Australia's Support to Global Peace & Security: 70 Years on" will be held Canberra on 15-16 September 2017. Details about the programme can be found on www.unaa.org.au.

# International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples – Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts 20 August 2016

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is universally recognised on 9 August each year and in 2016, UNAA (NSW) was pleased to celebrate, and take part in this important international event for the first time. The purpose was to highlight the unique identity, culture and language of the estimated 370 million indigenous people worldwide, and their rights for equality and respect as individuals, by introducing speakers from different countries. The theme was "Indigenous Peoples' Right to Education".

The meeting began with didgeridoo playing by Bob Slockee and his son, then Acknowledgement of Country, and Ban Ki-moon's address read by UNAA member Pamela Lemoine. Speakers were Auntie Ali Golding, a Biripi woman from NSW, Standing Bear from Canada, and Maria Tiimon from the Pacific island of Kiribati. The event was attended by an enthusiastic audience, also made up of UNAA executive members in an almost filled to capacity room.

# **Human Rights Day – Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts** 10 December 2016

Mena Basaly, former President of UN Youth, read the UN Secretary-General's message to commemorate Human Rights Day. Iranian, Negar Tavoly, also gave a powerful presentation depicting the life of women in Iran. Sections of the DVD "Freedom Stories" were shown, leading to a talk by Valerie Weekes on disadvantaged groups and action that we can all take to engage more with the community.

# International Women's Day – Parliament House 8 March 2017

Celebration of International Women's Day included an event in the Jubilee Room of New South Wales Parliament House. After UN Youth (NSW) member Salina Alvaro read the UN Secretary-General's message, the main speaker, Kaleena Smith, a Wiradjuri/YortaYorta woman from the University of Technology, Sydney, described her cultural aspirations and her work in the Indigenous community. Following the presentations, excerpts from two DVDs were shown: "Journey into the Dark Ages" and "I Am a Girl". To conclude the event, Indigenous Canadian Erik Spinney performed a spirited song to women.

# UN World Health Day - CBA Theatre, Darling Park 7 April, 2017

UN World Health Day was celebrated through an innovative TedX style masterclass, attended by around 70 guests. The masterclass workshop featured five high profile speakers who provided very inspirational presentations on health, resilience and motivation. The event was held in collaboration with the Love Mercy Foundation and was supported by Commonwealth Bank.

# World Humanitarian Day Cocktail Reception – Baker McKenzie 17 August 2016

"What does humanitarianism mean in today's changing world?" was the keynote address at the Humanitarian Day cocktail reception. Presentations were given by Venerable Dr Thich Minh Tam – Hon. Professor at The University of New South Wales/Chair International Buddhist Organisation/UNAA (NSW) Executive Member/Rector Hwa Yen Buddhist Institute and Steve Scott – Assistant Secretary, Humanitarian Response Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The event was well attended by a mixture of members and their guests.

# United Nations Day 24 October 2016

Our annual UN Day Cenotaph Ceremony to honour Australia's uniformed personnel who had served in UN theatres as Peacekeepers again proved most popular. This moving service was followed by an impressive UN Day luncheon held at NSW Parliament House with Guest of Honour, Professor Ian Jacobs BA, MA, MBBS, MD, FRCOG, President and Vice Chancellor of The University of New South Wales, and Special Guest UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Mr Ken Done AM.

### **UNAA (NSW) Community Project**

The UNAA (NSW) Community Project 20-Year 'Local Communities Strategy' Anniversary featured February/March 2017 Project Backgrounder Sessions convened at Sydney City Mechanics' School of Arts. These comprised forum dialogue reflections on highlight developments preparatory to the inaugural 1995 Community Project Public Meeting and 1996 Launch. Haydn Green performed some reminiscent James Taylor songs, among others, for the dialogue sessions.

Research and presentation carried out through the Community Project included the October 2016 PeaceWrites Journal contribution entitled 'Coming Together in Relational Diversity' and February/March Continental Philosophy Group Deep Friendship Tribute for Dr Hugh Mackay, based substantially around Hugh's 2013 book *The Good Life*.

# **Teaming with National and other Divisions**

This year there was a focus on further development of the relationship between the State Divisions and the National Office. The UNAA is a diverse group of individuals and to become stronger and succeed we will think globally, plan nationally and act locally. To help achieve positive results the UNAA (NSW) President, is a member of the UNAA National Board.

The UNAA Academic Network has been reconvened. The Network's relaunch took place in 2016 in Canberra. The Guest Speaker was Her Excellency Gillian Bird, Australia's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to UN, who expressed strong UNAA support. The UNAA Young Professionals has been reinvigorated and there are opportunities for UNAA (NSW) and UNAA Young Professionals to collaborate.

The UNAA (NSW) is undergoing a time of review, reflection and reform. The UNAA is the principal organisation in Australia to support the objectives of the UN and aims to inform, inspire and engage all Australians regarding the work, goals and values of the UN to create a safer, fairer and more sustainable world.

The UN is undergoing reform in response to the increasingly complex crises in the world, with more than 100 recommendations for improvement, as outlined in the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations report. We at UNAA (NSW) are embarking on a program of continuous improvement through professionalism and modernisation of the organisation.

In 2016/17, there have been positive outcomes achieved through the work of UNAA (NSW) both public and behind the scenes. Our public work has focused on promoting selected UN International Days, including the annual United Nations Day on 24 October. Behind the scenes we are striving to strengthen our relationships with corporations and other non-government organisations and build on our community engagement. There are, however, challenges that UNAA (NSW) faces, as does the world, in realising the United Nations' outcome in *Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* report. A copy of this report can be found on the UNAA website by searching Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform.

The UNAA (NSW) is honoured that the Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), is the Vice Regal Patron. As a peacekeeper, as Australia's Chief of Defence Force at a particularly noteworthy time in Australia's history, General Hurley oversaw the transition to a higher degree of operational readiness and its support to Australian-led operations in East Timor under the United Nations. This support, with the Timorese, led to the establishment of the modern State and the restoration of The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

### **Global Citizens**

In this fractured world in which we are all global citizens, there is one organisation that works across and within all levels of civil society and that is the United Nations Association of Australia. In the wonderful spirit of humanitarian mateship, UNAA (NSW) is ideally and uniquely positioned to work with governments, corporations, institutions and citizens who all make up and are active members of civil society. Below are 10 actions of the UN that show in quantifiable terms how the daily work of the UN and its agencies affects the lives of people around the globe.

- Provides food and assistance to 80 million people in 80 countries
- 3. Assists and protects 65.3 million people fleeing war, famine and persecution
- 5. Keeps peace with 117,000 peacekeepers in 16 operations on 4 continents
- 7. Protects and promotes human rights globally and through 80 treaties/declarations
- Uses diplomacy to prevent conflict: assists some 67 countries a year with their elections

- Supplies vaccines to 45% of the world's children, helping save 3 million lives a year
- 4. Works with 195 nations to hold the rise in global temperature below 2°C/3.6°F
- 6. Fights extreme poverty, helping improve the lives of more than 1.1 billion people
- 8. Coordinates US\$22.5 billion appeal for the humanitarian needs of 93.5 million people
- Supports maternal health, helping over 1 million women a month overcome pregnancy risks

# **MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS**

2016 was the first year the UNAA (NSW) conducted an online survey of our members asking what you like about your current membership and where the opportunities to improve lie.

### **UNAA (NSW) Current State**

Outlined below are the outcomes of interviews and surveys conducted of the Executive Committee and associated members. These findings have been fundamental to setting our strategy for 2020.

#### **Positives** Other key findings Leadership is seeking a positive Networking opportunities and updates on global change and to make a difference in issues are considered the main benefits of membership with UNAA NSW the community High profile and strong brand 52% of members are likely to recommend UNAA NSW to others Diverse and inclusive membership base 78% of respondents would like further opportunities to get to know other UNAA NSW members Growing volunteer base Over 50% of members surveyed attended Improving financial position between 2-4 events in the year Solid relationships with key NSW Government and International The SDGs of Peace, justice and strong Consulates institutions, climate action, quality education and gender equality represented areas of most interest

# Why become a member?

**Learn**. Receive invitations to regular meetings, seminars and discussions on current and important global issues.

**Meet**. Attend networking opportunities with recognised leaders from government, community and the United Nations.

**Share**. Obtain an opportunity to share your views with like-minded individuals in a non-partisan framework.

Get informed. Glean regular UN news updates and materials on national and international affairs.

Respect. Gain membership of an esteemed international organisation founded in 1946.

We take this opportunity to recognise all of our volunteers and thank them for their hard work and enthusiasm. For more information about membership and volunteering opportunities, email <a href="mailto:nsw@unaa.org.au">nsw@unaa.org.au</a> or visit www.un.org.au.

# 2016/17 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

	Role	Name	Attendance*
United Nations Association of Australia New South Wales Division Inc.	President:	Dr Patricia Jenkings	100%
	Vice – Presidents:	Mr Alexander Maron	60%
		Mr Paul Malliate	90%
Patron: His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) Governor of New South Wales	Vice – President Emeritus	Mr Kenneth Weekes	100%
	Secretary:	Rev Geoffrey R Usher	90%
	Treasurer:	Mr Paul Malliate	90%
	Immediate Past President:	Mr Kel Gleeson	50%
	Public Officer:	Mrs Valerie Weekes	100%
	Committee Members:	Dr Peter Airey	70%
		Dr Daryl Le Cornu	20%
		Ms Carmen Leung	60%
		Mr Geoffrey Little	20%
		Ms Judy MacGregor	80%
		Mr Ramzy Mansour	80%
		Mr Lindsay Mell	100%
		Dr Peter Nadin	60%
		Mr Hugo Rojas	20%
		Ms Gemma Saunders	80%
		Dr Thich Minh Tam	40%
		Mr Alexander Weilsmann	90%

# **Branch Conveners**

Blue Mountains: Mr Franklin Scarf
Central Coast: Ms Audrey McDonald
Hunter: Ms Martina Bowen

<sup>\*</sup> Attendance at meetings – year ended 30 June 17

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



#### **GOAL 1**

End poverty in all its forms everywhere



#### GOAL 2

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture



#### GOAL 3

Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all, to all ages



#### **GOAL 4**

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all



### **GOAL 5**

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



#### **GOAL 6**

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation



#### **GOAL 7**

Ensure access to affordable, reliable. sustainable and modern energy for all



#### **GOAL 8**

Promote sustained. inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all



**GOAL 10** Reduce inequality



# **GOAL 9**

**Build resilient** infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation



within and among countries



#### **GOAL 11**

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



#### GOAL 12

Ensure sustainable Consumption and production patterns



#### **GOAL 13**

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts\*



#### **GOAL 14**

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development



### **GOAL 15**

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss



### **GOAL 16**

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective. accountable and inclusive institutions for all levels

#### **ABOUT THE GOALS**

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development came into force globally on 1 January 2016. The Goals aim to mobilise efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind.

Unanimously adopted by the UN's 193 Member States (UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/70/1), the SDGs apply to all countries and recognise that social, economic, and environmental factors, as well as peace, justice and effective institutions, are interconnected and vital for sustainable development.

### **HOW DO THEY WORK?**

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets are monitored and reviewed using a set of global indicators. While countries have primary responsibility for review and follow up, everyone has a contribution to make to the success of the Goals - including you!

### **WANT TO LEARN MORE?**

- www.unaa.org.au
- SDGs information page www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment
- Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform sustainabledevelopment.un.org
- General Assembly Resolution Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development undocs.org/A/RES/70/1



### **GOAL 17**

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

\*Acknowledge that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate

# **JOURNEY TO 2020**

The UNAA (NSW) Division works to connect the NSW community, government and other stakeholders to the UN and the global network of UN Associations. Operating at a state level, we aim to achieve positive change in support of the Charter, aims and ideals of the United Nations.

Our desired state is to be aligned with National and seek to be a non-partial organisation to engage effectively with the Australian community in the service of the UN's widely admired values and ideals.

Key aspects of our desired state by 2020 are:

- High public profile and credibility.
- Substantial increase in membership base.
- Sustainable financial model.
- Efficient, effective and highly professional organisation (and operating model).
- A body that is readily able to mobilise public support for the UN.
- Influence Australian Government and UN policies.

### **OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES IN 2017-2018**

### **Strategic**

- Develop UNAA (NSW) strategic plan and align this to the UNAA national strategic plan.
- Marketing/Communications and Funding Plans.
- Develop UNAA (NSW) Communications and Fundraising Plans that clearly articulate UNAA (NSW) purpose and identity.

#### **Volunteers**

- Develop programs to ensure continued engagement by volunteers.
- Coordinate with Membership to ensure all registered volunteers are translated into UNAA (NSW)
  members.
- Reinstate monthly UN connect events to engage with volunteers.
- Recruit corporate partners for general and skilled volunteering opportunities.

### Membership

- Develop a plan to grow NSW membership base.
- Appoint one representative to manage manual and electronic membership records, responsibility for providing complete list for AGM.
- Recruit a greater share of professional members to support UNAA (NSW).

## **Strategic Partnerships**

- Build strategic partnerships within the UN family and across other reputable organisations.
- Continue to strengthen relationships with Australian Government (Federal, State and Local) and international consulates in conjunction with National.
- Consider developing joint projects with regional countries and other UN Associations across the Pacific and South East Asia where it is financially responsible.
- Appoint a UNYA Representative to a Sub-Committee Level. Discuss next steps for integration at an Executive Level in the medium term.

### **Operational Model**

- Transition of UNAA (NSW) EC to a UNAA (NSW) Board.
- Consider enhancements to the constitution to support the EC.
- Maintain NSW state based relationships with Federal and State Government officials.
- Establish clear job descriptions and expectations for EC members.
- Continue to develop standard operation procedures for common activities, such as business
  planning, event management, membership maintenance, volunteer recruitment and preparation
  of financial reporting to ensure knowledge transfer.

### **Financial Management and Fundraising**

- Develop partnerships and funding opportunities with the UN Global Compact in Australia and with reputable businesses.
- Review and rationalise ongoing administration expenses (including office rent).

### **Programs**

- Promote the UN and incorporate the UN's purpose, principles and values into our events and campaigns. Seek to align UNAA (NSW) events with specific UN Day Events and UN SDGs.
- Adopt the UNAA Events and Activities Framework and apply one of the five types of events
  - Briefing events
  - Networking Events
  - o Public Lecture Series
  - Signature Events
  - Approved Specific Programs/Activities.
- Monitor compliance with the approved event management guidelines.
- Develop and conduct basic UN 101 training for the current EC and as preparation for the
  incoming EC after the August 2017 AGM. This training will seek to explain the UN's role, and the
  linkage between UNAA (NSW), UNAA National, WFUNA and UNDP. The view will be to roll out
  this UN 101 training to members and the community. Consider options to align funding from
  external sources for both the education scholarship and training program.
- Conduct a Model UN Conference (in conjunction with UN Youth)
- Lead the UNAA (NSW) Scholarship Fund Initiative/DGR program
- Develop a social impact measurement framework and key performance indicators to maintain relevance and credibility.

### **GOALS TO 2020**

### 2017-2018 - Consolidation

- We will seek to be a leader under Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #4 'Quality Education', whereby other UNAA states and territories across Australia can reach out for support in coordinated campaigns.
- Lead our events with a focus not only on SDG #4, but educating the Australian Public, via answering the following core questions What are the SDGs? Why are they important? How can you bring them to life in your local community?
- Build the profile of UNAA (NSW) and educate our different target markets on 'our purpose and identity'.
- Conduct a renewed membership and volunteering drive, operating model enhancements and develop a funding plan to ensure UNAA (NSW) has a financially sustainable model by 2020.

### 2018-2019 - Growth

- Continue to build a voice and public position in the NSW market.
- Strengthen existing partnerships and identify new government, corporate and NFP strategic partnerships. Strategic partnerships will be a core focus.
- Establish clear metrics / measurements of success.

# 2019-2020 – Regional Engagement with South East Asia.

 After solidifying our model in NSW, we propose to explore supporting greater engagement with our South East Asian neighbouring United Nations Associations through partnering arrangements in consultation with National.

# United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc.

ABN 85 O71 992 936

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FINANCIAL REPORT Year ended 30 June 2017

# Income and Expenditure Statement For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017			
	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
Income Memberships General donations/grants Interest received (Deficit)/Surplus from luncheon Miscellaneous income UNAA Conference		7,596 7,500 138 (5,390) 2,423 (3,214)	8,023 3,080 100 (193) 1,544 2,979
		9,053	15,533
Expenditure Venue hire General administration Fees and Federal levy Other expenses		6,241 2,907 1,998 3,849	5,984 2,631 1,209 3,341
Current year (deficit)/surplus		14,995	13,165
Transfer Peace Program to National Office		(5,942)	2,368 (10,828)
Current year(deficit)/surplus after transfer of peace Program		(5,942)	(8,460)
Retained surplus at the beginning of the year		24,971	33,431
Retained surplus at the end of the year		19,029	24,971
Assets and Liabilities Statement As At 30 June 2017	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
Assets		•	
<b>Current Assets</b> Cash at bank Receivables	2 3	26,029	22,471 2,500
Total Current Assets		26,029	24,971
Total Assets		26,029	24,971
Liabilities			
<b>Current Liabilities</b> Income In Advance	4	7,000	<u>-</u> _
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	i.	7,000	_
Total Liabilities		7,000	<u>-</u>
Net Assets		19,029	24,971
Members Funds Retained surplus		19,029	24,971
Total Members Funds		19,029	24,971

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

### a) Revenue and Other Income

Interest revenue is recognised using effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the association obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

## b) Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payables and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting year for goods and services received by the association during the reporting year that remain unpaid. The balances are recognised as a current liability and the amounts are normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

	<b>2017</b> \$	2016 \$
Note 2: Cash at bank  Cash at bank – # 2734 28122520	26,029	22,471
Note 3: Receivables Bond		2,500
Note 4: Income in advance		
Grants received in advance	7,000	-

### **Note 5: Contingent Liability**

At balance date there are no contingent liabilities.

# Statement By Treasurer

# Annual Statements Give True and Fair View of Financial Position and Performance

I, Paul Malliate being the Treasurer of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc, certify that-

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30 June 2017.

PAUL MALLIATE

Treasurer

Dated at Sydney this 6th day of July 2017.



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United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc. ABN 85 071 992 936

Independent Auditor's Report to the members of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc.
For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc, which comprises the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2017, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies, and other explanatory information, and the certification by the treasurer on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

### Treasurer's responsibility for the financial report

The treasurer of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc, is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The treasurer's responsibility also includes such internal control as the treasurer determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial report and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

Independent Auditor's Report to the members of United Nations Association of Australia (NSW) Inc.

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) INC. (continued)

# **Basis of accounting**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's' financial reporting obligations under the association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

TROOD PRATT AUDIT AND ASSURANCE SERVICES

**D A TROOD**Partner

Dated at Sydney this 6th day of July 2017